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REPORT ON THE DELINEATION OF ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES AND THE CREATION OF GROUP REPRESENTATION CONSTITUENCIES

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ON THE REPORT OF THE
ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES REVIEW COMMITTEE, 1988

The Prime Minister received the Report of the Electoral Boundaries Review Committee on 25 May 1988.

The Report initially recommended the creation of 81 Single Member Constituencies. As the Committee was also to look into the creation of Group Representation Constituencies, the Committee finally recommended the creation of 13 Group Representation Constituencies and the retention of 42 Single Member Constituencies.

The Committee's final recommendations included the elimination of 7 constituencies:-

Anson, Bo Wen, Delta, Khe Bong,
River Valley, Rochore and Telok Ayer

and the creation of 3 new Single Member Constituencies:-

(1) Bukit Gombak,
(2) Hougang, and
(3) Nee Soon Central.

The Government proposes to accept and implement the recommendations of the Committee at the next General Election. The Report is attached as an Appendix.

The Prime Minister
Singapore

Sir,

The Electoral Boundaries Review Committee was entrusted with the following terms of reference :-

"To review the boundaries of the present Parliament electoral divisions and to recommend such changes or adjustments with the view to:-

1) ensuring more equal number of electors throughout all constituencies; and

2) creating maximum number of Group Representation Constituencies in accordance with the provisions of the Parliamentary Elections Act (Chapter 218)

Assessments for the review should be based on the number of electors found in the 1986 Registers of Electors and the prognostication on the growth and shifts of population up to 1 July 1988."

2 The projection for the number of electors as on 1 July 88 is 1,709,000, an increase of 214,000 electors (or 14%) since 1 July 84. On the basis of the existing 79 constituencies, the average number of electors per constituency will be 22,000. As it is not practicable or desirable to limit the size of every constituency to 22,000, the Committee, following the practice since 1968, adopted a deviation from average to minimise changes to electoral boundaries. By application of a 30% deviation from average, the range of the number of electors is 15,000 to 29,000 per constituency, all figures rounded to the nearest thousand.

3 The above range refers to Single Member Constituencies only. Similarly, on the presumption that a Group Representation Constituency (GRC) is to be about 3 times the number of electors of a Single Member Constituency, the range is 45,000 to 87,000 electors per Group Representation Constituency.

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4 Having determined the two ranges, the Committee identified the 27 Single Member Constituencies outside the range of electors per constituency and the perennial problem of declining electorate in the Central Area constituencies. In delineating such constituencies, the Committee could not avoid making adjustment to boundaries of another 10 constituencies and also the elimination of 7 existing constituencies. The eliminated constituencies are:-

1. ANSON
2. BO WEN
3. KHE BONG
4. DELTA
5. RIVER VALLEY
6. ROCHORE
7. TELOK AYER

Three of the 7 eliminated constituencies are in the Central Area, namely Rochore in the north of the Central Area, Telok Ayer in the centre and Anson in the south. These 3 constituencies and the remaining 4 Central Area constituencies of Jalan Besar, Kampong Glam, Kreta Ayer and Tanjong Pagar have a total electorate of 103,000 only. Five of them have an electorate of less than 15,000 each. Basing on the average of 22,000 electors per constituency, the Central Area could only have up to 5 constituencies. To achieve this and with a view to perpetuating the remaining constituencies, the Committee undertook a massive adjustment of the boundaries of the 7 constituencies. The adjustment resulted in an increase of electors of the remaining constituencies as follows:

Jalan Besar	21,237
Kampong Glam	24,097
Kreta Ayer	26,105
Tanjong Pagar	20,193

The Committee felt that such action could prevent the elimination of the remaining 4 Central Area constituencies at the next delineation exercise. Their total electorate is 91,632 averaging 22,908 electors per constituency.

5 In addition to the elimination of constituencies, nine new constituencies are also created as follows:-

NO.	NEW CONSTITUENCIES		DESCRIPTIONS OF ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES
1	BUKIT GOMBAK	..	Area bounded by Bukit Batok West Avenue 2, Bukit Batok West Avenue 5, Bukit Batok Street 31, Bukit Batok West Avenue 5, imaginary boundary, Upper Bukit Timah Road, Dairy Farm Road, Bukit Timah Expressway, Pan-Island Expressway, Jalan Kampong Chantek, canal, Malayan Railway line, imaginary boundary, Upper Bukit Timah Road De Souza Avenue, Jalan Jurong Kechil, Bukit Batok East Avenue 6, Bukit Batok East Avenue 2 and Bukit Batok Central.
2	CHONG PANG	..	Area bounded by Yishun Avenue 7, Yishun Avenue 2, Yishun Avenue 5, Yishun Ring Road, Yishun Street 71, Yishun Avenue 3 and Sembawang Road.
3	HONG KAH CENTRAL	..	Area bounded by Pan-Island Expressway, Jurong Town Hall Road, Jurong East Avenue 1, Jurong West Avenue 1 and Corporation Road.

4	HONG KAH SOUTH	..	Area bounded by Jurong West Avenue 1, canal, Boon Lay Way, Yuan Ching Road, canal and Corporation Road.
5	HOUGANG	..	Area bounded by Upper Serangoon Road, Sungei Serangoon, Tampines Road, Hougang Avenue 3, Upper Serangoon Road, Lim Ah Pin Road, Florence Road, Hougang Avenue 2, Hougang Avenue 10, link road and Hougang Central.
6	NEE SOON CENTRAL	..	Area bounded by Yishun Avenue 5, Yishun Central, Yishun Avenue 4, Yishun Ring Road, Yishun Avenue 2, Yishun Avenue 3, Yishun Street 71 and Yishun Ring Road.
7	NEE SOON EAST	..	Area bounded by Yishun Industrial Park A Road, Sungei Simpang Kiri, Sungei Simpang, sea (territorial water), Sungei Seletar Reservoir, north-eastern bank of Sungei Seletar Reservoir, production of Yishun Avenue 1, Yishun Avenue 1, Yishun Avenue 4, Yishun Central and Yishun Avenue 2.

8	TAMPINES NORTH ..	Area bounded by Sungei Serangoon, northern sea coast, production of Kuala Loyang Road, Kuala Loyang Road, Loyang Way, Loyang Avenue, Upper Changi Road East, Pan-Island Expressway, Tampine Street 31, Tampines Avenue 2, Tampines Avenue 7, Tampines Central 3, Tampines Central 1, Tampines Central 2 Tampines Avenue 5 Tampines Avenue 4 Tampines Avenue 3, Production of Tampines Avenue 3, proposed Tampines Avenue 10, production of Tampines Avenue 1, eastern perimeter fence of Paya Lebar Airport, its production and Tampines Road
9	TAMPINES WEST ..	Area bounded by Tampines Avenue 4, Tampines Street 12, Tampines Avenue 2, Tampines Avenue 1, proposed extension of Tampines Avenue 1 proposed Tampines Avenue 10, production of Tampines Avenue 3 and Tampines Avenue 3.

6 The above process culminated in having 81 provisional Single Member Constituencies. Details of the re-delineated and the newly created Single Member Constituencies are given at Annex A. A list of all 81 Single Member Constituencies is at Annex A1 and a map showing all 81 Single Member Constituencies is at Annex C.

7 As each Group Representation Constituency is to have 3 Members of Parliament, the Committee decided to amalgamate 3 Single Member Constituencies to form one Group Representation Constituency. The Committee is well aware that the number of Group Representation Constituencies to be created must not exceed 13. This means that the number of Members of Parliament to be elected from the Group Representation Constituencies will be 39 which is less than half of 81. Their formation takes into consideration one or more of the following factors:-

a) HDB Housing Estates;

b) Areas traditionally associated with the Malay, Indian and Other Minority Communities; and

c) The need to spread the Group Representation Constituencies island-wide.

8 Finally the Committee

i) created 13 Group Representation Constituencies and

ii) retained 42 Single Member Constituencies.

9 The proposals and the map, as at paragraph 8 above, are given at Annexes B and D respectively.

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CHAIRMAN

ONG KOK MIN
MEMBER

LIU THAI KER
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

LIM HOON YONG
MEMBER

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SECRETARY

FONG SEET MIN
MEMBER

ANNEX A

CONSTITUENCIES AFFECTED BY DELINEATION OF BOUNDARIES, INCLUDING NEW CONSTITUENCIES BUT EXCLUDING THOSE ELIMINATED

1	ALEXANDRA (16,232)	
	Alexandra	18,059
	Less Alexandra II (pt) transferred to Brickworks	1,827
		16,232
2	ALJUNIED (28,889)	
	Aljunied	17,387
	Add a) Braddell Heights IV, V & VI	7,663
		25,050
	b) Paya Lebar I	3,839
		28,889
3	ANG MO KIO (22,926)	
	Ang Mo Kio	14,687
	Add Bo Wen III and IV	8,239
		22,926
4	BRADDELL HEIGHTS (26,070)	
	Braddell Heights	33,733
	Less Braddell Heights IV, V and VI transferred to Aljunied	7,663
		26,070

5 BRICKWORKS (15,022)

Brickworks		10,304
Add	a) Alexandra II (pt)	1,827
		12,131
	b) Leng Kee I (pt)	2,891
		15,022

6 BUKIT BATOK (23,719)

Bukit Batok		65,171
Less	a) Bukit Batok I, II, IV and V (pt) transferred to create Bukit Gombak	23,393
		41,778
	b) Bukit Batok V (pt) and VI transferred to Hong Kah North	15,929
		25,849
	c) Bukit Batok III and V (pt) transferred to Chua Chu Kang	2,130
		23,719

7 BUKIT GOMBAK (23,393)
(New constituency created from Bukit Batok)

BUKIT BATOK I, II, IV and V (pt)	23,393

8 BUKIT PANJANG (28,833)

Bukit Panjang		31,574
Less	Bukit Panjang I transferred to Chua Chu Kang	2,741
		28,833

9 CAIRNHILL (24,304)

Cairnhill	14,581
Add River Valley I, II, III and V	9,723
	24,304

10 CHANGI (17,953)

Changi	11,859
Add Changkat IV	6,094
	17,953

11 CHANGKAT (25,358)

Changkat	31,452
Less Changkat IV transferred to Changi	6,094
	25,358

12 CHONG PANG (19,781)
(New constituency created from Yishun HDB estate)

Nee Soon I (pt)	19,781

13 CHUA CHU KANG (20,177)

Chua Chu Kang	15,306
Add a) Bukit Batok III and V (pt)	2,130
	17,436
b) Bukit Panjang I	2,741
	20,177

14 HONG KAH CENTRAL (27,323)
(New constituency created
from Jurong West HDB estate)

Hong Kah II and III	27,323

15 *HONG KAH NORTH (19,109)

Hong Kah	39,976
Less a) Hong Kah II and III transferred to create Hong Kah Central	27,323
	12,653
b) Hong Kah IV transferred to form part of Hong Kah South	9,473
	3,180
Add Bukit Batok V (pt) and VI	15,929
	19,109

* New name for Hong Kah

16 HONG KAH SOUTH (19,106)
(New constituency created
from Jurong West HDB estate)

a) Hong Kah IV	9,473
b) Yuhua I	9,633
	19,106

17 HOUGANG (22,340)
(New constituency created
from Hougang HDB estate)

Punggol III (pt) IV and V	22,340

18 JALAN BESAR (21,237)

Jalan Besar		14,311
Add	Rochore III	6,926
		21,237

19 KAMPONG GLAM (24,097)

Kampong Glam		15,255
Add	a) Rochore I and II	7,212
		22,467
	b) Telok Ayer III	1,630
		24,097

20 KEBUN BARU (25,211)

Kebun Baru		16,909
Add	a) Bo Wen I and II	4,978
	b) Thomson IV (pt)	3,324
		25,211

21 KRETA AYER (26,105)

Kreta Ayer		14,386
Add	a) Anson I	1,708
		16,094
	b) Telok Ayer I, II and IV	10,011
		26,105

22 KUO CHUAN (19,313)

Kuo Chuan		14,530
Add	a) Khe Bong I	3,589
		18,119
	b) Toa Payoh III (pt)	1,194
		19,313

23 LENG KEE (23,894)

Leng Kee		15,139
Less	Leng Kee I (pt) transferred to Brickworks	2,891
		12,248
Add	Delta	11,646
		23,894

24 NEE SOON CENTRAL (19,864)
(New constituency created from Yishun HDB estate)

Nee Soon I (pt)	19,864

25 NEE SOON EAST (19,491)
(New constituency created from Yishun HDB estate)

Nee Soon I (pt)	19,491

26 *NEE SOON SOUTH (16,682)

Nee Soon		77,903
Less	a) Nee Soon I (pt) transferred to create Chong Pang	19,781
		58,122
	b) Nee Soon I (pt) transferred to create Nee Soon Central	19,864
		38,258
	c) Nee Soon I (pt) transferred to create Nee Soon East	19,491
		18,767
	d) Nee Soon III transferred to Sembawang	2,085
		16,682

* New name for Nee Soon

27 PAYA LEBAR (26,031)

Paya Lebar		29,870
Less	Paya Lebar I transferred to Aljunied	3,839
		26,031

28 PUNGGOL (25,322)

Punggol		47,662
Less	Punggol III (pt) IV and V transferred to create Hougang	22,340
		25,322

29 RADIN MAS (24,959)

Radin Mas		20,305
Add	Anson V	4,654
		24,959

30 SEMBAWANG (15,608)

Sembawang	13,523
Add Nee Soon III	2,085
	15,608

31 *TAMPINES EAST (17,283)

Tampines	65,743
Less a) Tampines I, II and III (pt) transferred to create Tampines North	24,897
	40,846
b) Tampines VII and VIII transferred to create Tampines West	23,563
	17,283

* New name for Tampines

32 TAMPINES NORTH (24,897)
(New constituency created from Tampines)

Tampines I, II and III (pt)	24,897

33 TAMPINES WEST (23,563)
(New constituency created from Tampines HDB estate)

Tampines VII and VIII	23,563

34 TANGLIN (18,788)

Tanglin	14,581
Add River Valley IV	4,207
	18,788

35 TANJONG PAGAR (20,193)

Tanjong Pagar	14,972
Add Anson II and III	5,221
	20,193

36 THOMSON (28,253)

Thomson	31,577
Less Thomson IV (pt) transferred to Kebun Baru	3,324
	28,253

37 TIONG BAHRU (23,492)

Tiong Bahru	16,772
Add Anson IV	6,720
	23,492

38 TOA PAYOH (18,348)

Toa Payoh	11,531
Less Toa Payoh III (pt) transferred to Kuo Chuan	1,194
	10,337
Add Khe Bong II and III	8,011
	18,348

39 YUHUA (19,359)

Less Yuhua I transferred to form part of Hong Kah South	28,992
	9,633
	19,359

Annex A1

LIST OF 81 PROVISIONAL SINGLE MEMBER CONSTITUENCIES

Sr. No.	Single Member Constituencies	Number of Electors
1	ALEXANDRA	16,232
2	ALJUNIED	28,889
3	ANG MO KIO	22,926
4	AYER RAJAH	23,199
5	BEDOK	15,861
6	BOON LAY	18,796
7	BOON TECK	16,959
8	BRADDELL HEIGHTS	26,070
9	BRICKWORKS	15,022
10	BUKIT BATOK	23,719
11	BUKIT GOMBAK	23,393
12	BUKIT MERAH	16,257
13	BUKIT PANJANG	28,833
14	BUKIT TIMAH	21,043
15	BUONA VISTA	16,832
16	CAIRNHILL	24,304
17	CHANGI	17,953
18	CHANGKAT	25,358
19	CHENG SAN	17,642
20	CHONG BOON	21,141

21	CHONG PANG	19,781
22	CHUA CHU KANG	20,177
23	CLEMENTI	24,112
24	EUNOS	27,801
25	FENGSHAN	18,508
26	GEYLANG SERAI	24,595
27	GEYLANG WEST	18,684
28	HENDERSON	15,563
29	HONG KAH CENTRAL	27,323
30	HONG KAH NORTH	19,109
31	HONG KAH SOUTH	19,106
32	HOUGANG	22,340
33	JALAN BESAR	21,237
34	JALAN KAYU	20,403
35	JOO CHIAT	19,617
36	JURONG	21,782
37	KAKI BUKIT	21,599
38	KALLANG	21,883
39	KAMPONG CHAI CHEE	22,639
40	KAMPONG GLAM	24,097
41	KAMPONG KEMBANGAN	18,899
42	KG UBI	22,687
43	KEBUN BARU	25,211
44	KIM KEAT	16,934
45	KIM SENG	20,599

46	KOLAM AYER	20,801
47	KRETA AYER	26,105
48	KUO CHUAN	19,313
49	LENG KEE	23,894
50	MACPHERSON	18,701
51	MARINE PARADE	22,748
52	MOULMEIN	20,063
53	MOUNTBATTEN	20,408
54	NEE SOON EAST	19,491
55	NEE SOON CENTRAL	19,864
56	NEE SOON SOUTH	16,682
57	PASIR PANJANG	16,779
58	PAYA LEBAR	26,031
59	POTONG PASIR	21,013
60	PUNGGOL	25,322
61	QUEENSTOWN	16,564
62	RADIN MAS	24,959
63	SEMBAWANG	15,608
64	SERANGOON GARDENS	24,993
65	SIGLAP	18,410
66	TAMPINES EAST	17,283
67	TAMPINES NORTH	24,897
68	TAMPINES WEST	23,563
69	TANAH MERAH	20,677
70	TANGLIN	18,788

71	TANJONG PAGAR	20,193
72	TECK GHEE	16,422
73	TELOK BLANGAH	19,775
74	THOMSON	28,253
75	TIONG BAHRU	23,492
76	TOA PAYOH	18,348
77	ULU PANDAN	24,319
78	WEST COAST	28,974
79	WHAMPOA	15,514
80	YIO CHU KANG	16,674
81	YUHUA	19,359

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ANNEX B

LIST OF 13 GROUP REPRESENTATION CONSTITUENCIES AND 42 SINGLE MEMBER CONSTITUENCIES

(1) 13 Group Representation Constituencies

1	ALJUNIED GRC			70,475
		Aljunied	28,889	
		Kampong Kembangan	18,899	
		Kampong Ubi	22,687	
2	BEDOK GRC			59,177
		Bedok	15,861	
		Kampong Chai Chee	22,639	
		Tanah Merah	20,677	
3	BRICKWORKS GRC			47,818
		Brickworks	15,022	
		Alexandra	16,232	
		Queenstown	16,564	
4	CHENG SAN GRC			59,186
		Cheng San	17,642	
		Chong Boon	21,141	
		Jalan Kayu	20,403	
5	EUNOS GRC			74,297
		Eunos	27,801	
		Kaki Bukit	21,599	
		Tampines North	24,897	
6	HONG KAH GRC			65,538
		Hong Kah Central	27,323	
		Hong Kah North	19,109	
		Hong Kah South	19,106	

7	JALAN BESAR GRC			60,722
		Jalan Besar	21,237	
		Geylang West	18,684	
		Kolam Ayer	20,801	
8	MARINE PARADE GRC			66,960
		Marine Parade	22,748	
		Geylang Serai	24,595	
		Joo Chiat	19,617	
9	PASIR PANJANG GRC			69,865
		Pasir Panjang	16,779	
		Clementi	24,112	
		West Coast	28,974	
10	SEMBAWANG GRC			54,880
		Sembawang	15,608	
		Chong Pang	19,781	
		Nee Soon East	19,491	
11	TAMPINES GRC			66,204
		Tampines East	17,283	
		Tampines West	23,563	
		Changkat	25,358	
12	TIONG BAHRU GRC			64,014
		Tiong Bahru	23,492	
		Henderson	15,563	
		Radin Mas	24,959	
13	TOA PAYOH GRC			54,620
		Toa Payoh	18,348	
		Boon Teck	16,959	
		Kuo Chuan	19,313	

(2) 42 SINGLE MEMBER CONSTITUENCIES

1	ANG MO KIO	22,926
2	AYER RAJAH	23,199
3	BOON LAY	18,796
4	BRADDELL HEIGHTS	26,070
5	BUKIT BATOK	23,719
6	BUKIT GOMBAK	23,393
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SINGLE MEMBER CONSTITUENCIES

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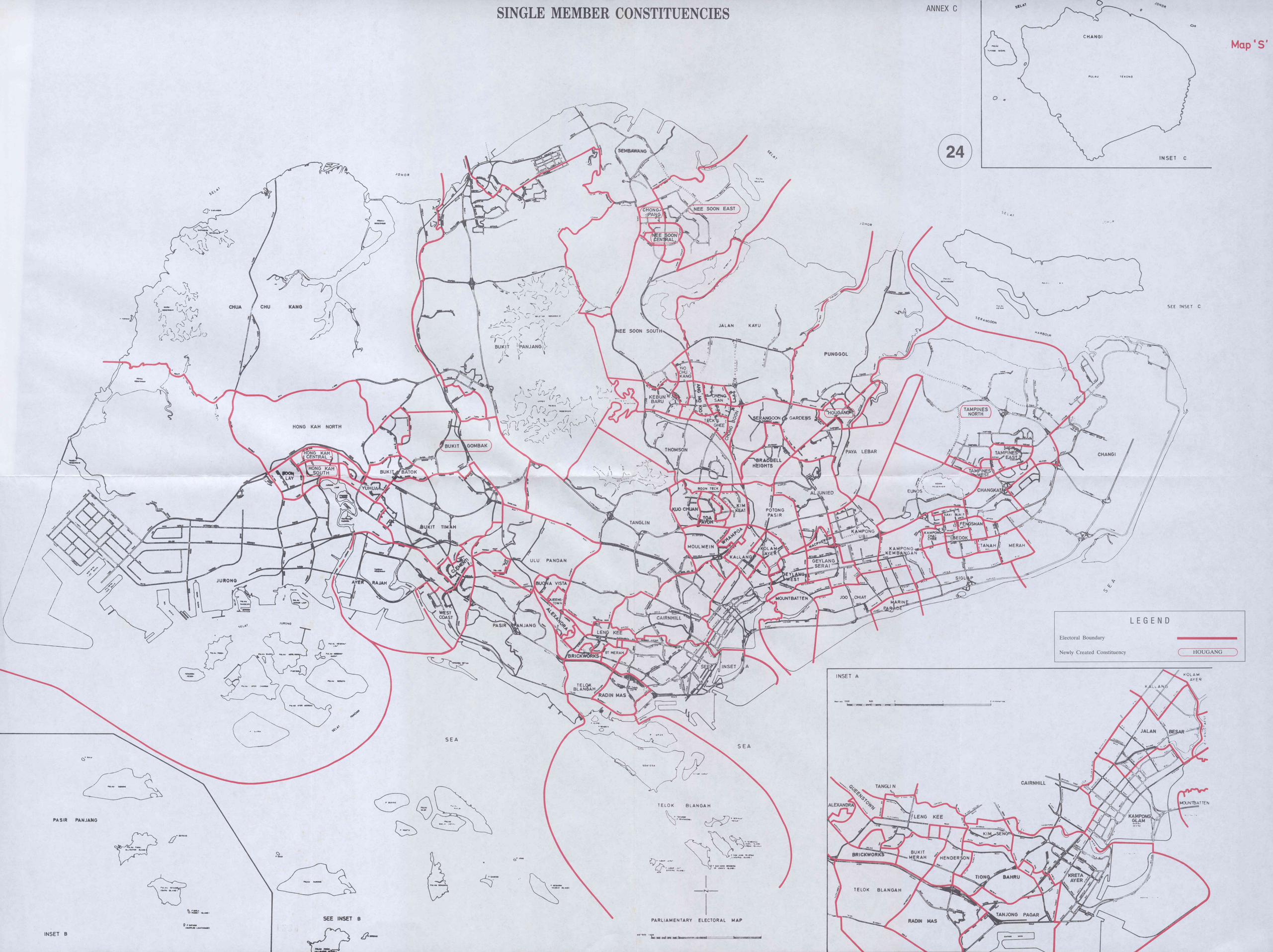

ANNEX D

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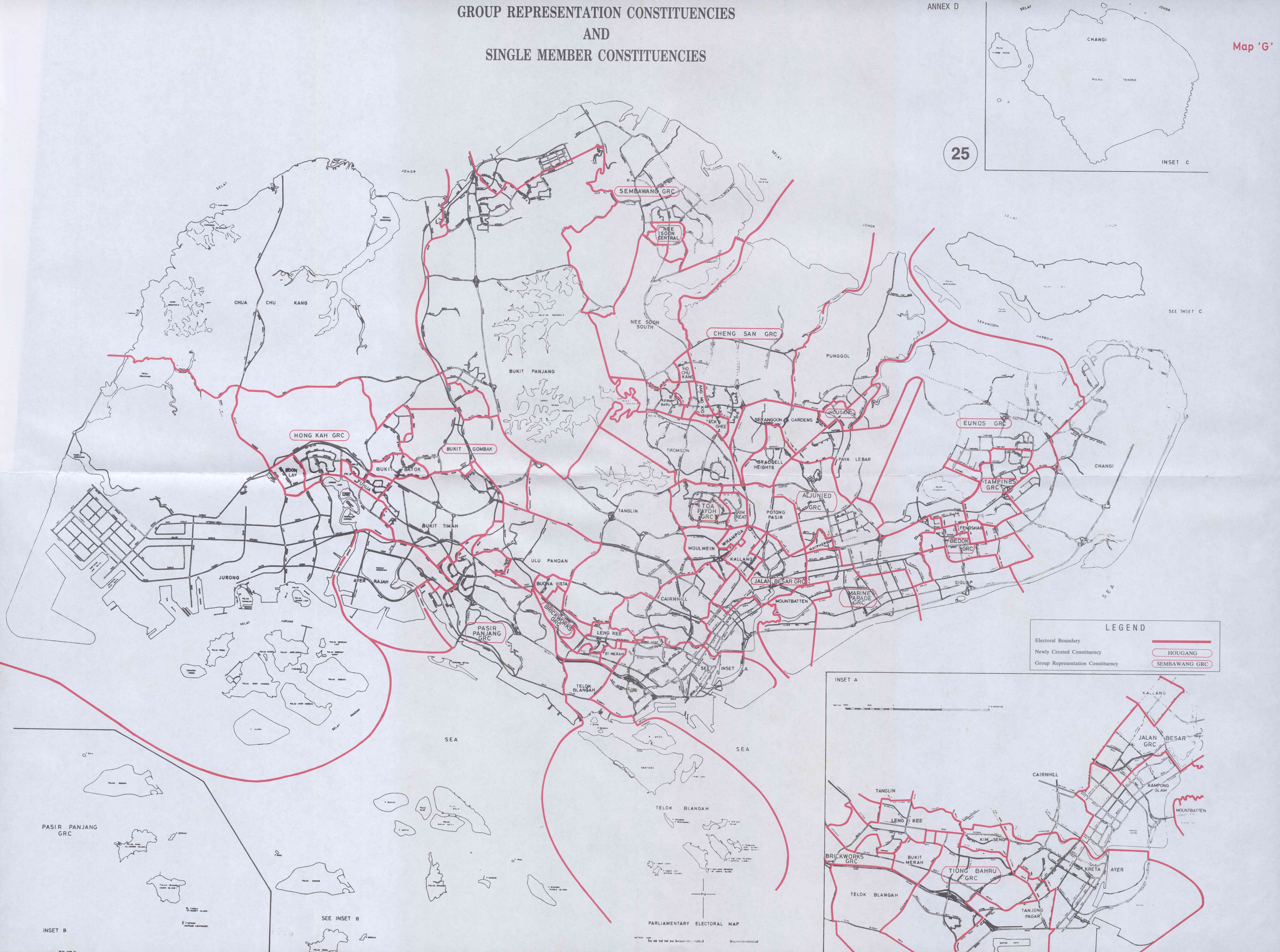
GROUP REPRESENTATION CONSTITUENCIES AND SINGLE MEMBER CONSTITUENCIES



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